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Part 1: General requirements

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CABLE TRUNKING SYSTEMS AND CABLE DUCTING SYSTEMS FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of the IEC 61084 series specifies requirements and tests for cable trunking systems (CTS) and cable ducting systems (CDS) intended for the accommodation, and where necessary for the electrically protective separation, of insulated conductors, cables and possibly other electrical equipment in electrical and/or communication systems installations. The maximum voltage of these installations is 1 000 V AC and 1 500 V DC.

This document does not apply to conduit systems, cable tray systems, cable ladder systems, power track systems or equipment covered by other standards.

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2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60423:2007, *Conduit systems for cable management – Outside diameters of conduits for electrical installations and threads for conduits and fittings*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*
IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999
IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC 60695-2-11:~~2014~~2021, *Fire hazard testing – Part 2-11: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods – Glow-wire flammability test method for end-products (GWEPT)*

IEC 60695-11-2:~~2013~~2017, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-2: Test flames – 1 kW pre-mixed flame – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 61032:1997, *Protection of persons and equipment by enclosures – Probes for verification*

IEC 63355:2022, *Cable management systems – Test method for content of halogens*

ISO 2768-1:1989, *General tolerances – Part 1:Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
cable trunking system
CTS
assembly comprising a trunking length and possibly other system components to provide an enclosure for the accommodation and laying in of insulated conductors and cables and possibly the accommodation of other electrical equipment

Note 1 to entry: Different types of CTS are shown in Figure 1 and explained in Annex A.

3.2
cable ducting system
CDS
assembly comprising a ducting length and possibly other system components to provide an enclosure for the accommodation and drawing in of insulated conductors and cables and possibly the accommodation of other electrical equipment

Note 1 to entry: Different types of CDS are shown in Figure 1 and explained in Annex A.

3.3
system component
part of the system which includes:

a) trunking length or ducting length;

b) trunking fitting or ducting fitting;

c) fixing device;

d) apparatus mounting device;

e) system accessory

Note 1 to entry: A system does not necessarily include all system components a) to e). Different combinations of system components can be used.

3.4
trunking length
main component of a cable trunking system comprising a base with one or more access covers which may be opened or removed

3.5
ducting length
main component of a cable ducting system, characterized by a closed non-circular cross section

3.6
fitting
system component to connect, change direction or terminate trunking lengths or ducting lengths

3.7
fixing device
system component to secure other system components to the wall, ceiling, floor or other structure

3.8
apparatus mounting device
system component to accommodate electrical apparatus (switches, socket outlets, circuit-breakers, telephone outlets, etc...) which can be an integral part of electrical apparatus

Note 1 to entry: An apparatus mounting device can also be a fitting, a trunking length, etc.

3.9
system accessory
system component which provides a supplementary function

EXAMPLE 1: Examples of system accessories are partition, cable retainer, cable outlet, etc.

3.10
metallic system component
system component which consists of metal only

3.11
non-metallic system component
system component which consists of non-metallic material only

3.12
composite system component
system component comprising both metallic and non-metallic materials

3.13
non-flame propagating system component
system component which can catch fire as a result of an applied flame, in which the resulting flame does not propagate and self extinguishes within a limited time after the applied flame is removed

3.14
external influence
factor which may affect the system

3.15
gland
device designed to permit the entry of a cable or flexible cable into equipment, and which provides sealing and retention

Note 1 to entry: It may also provide other functions such as earthing, bonding, insulation, cable guarding, strain relief or a combination of these.

3.16
live part
conductor or conductive part intended to be energized in normal operation, including a neutral conductor, but by convention not a PEN conductor or PEM conductor or PEL conductor

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-826:2004, 826-12-08, modified – Note deleted.]

3.17
cable anchorage
system accessory or part of another system component to relieve conductors in terminals and terminations from strain by resisting the pull and twist forces on cable

3.18
cable restrainer
system accessory to relieve conductors in terminals and terminations from strain by resisting the pull force on cable or insulated conductors

3.19
cable retainer
system accessory for the retention of insulated conductors or cables to prevent them from falling out when the access cover is opened or removed

3.20
grommet
component or an integral part of an enclosure to support and protect the cable, conduit or ducting or trunking at the point of entry

Note 1 to entry: It may also prevent the ingress of moisture or contaminants.

SEE: Figure 7.

3.21
entry membrane
component or an integral part of an enclosure to protect the cable, and may be used to support the cable, conduit or ducting or trunking at the point of entry

Note 1 to entry: It may also prevent the ingress of moisture or contaminants. An entry membrane may be part of a grommet.

SEE: Figure 7.

3.22
protecting membrane
component or an integral part of an enclosure, not to be penetrated in normal use, to provide protection against ingress of water or solid objects and/or to allow the operation of an accessory

SEE: Figure 7.

3.23
gasket
additional part or material or an integral part placed between mating surfaces of an enclosure which in compression contributes to the achievement of the declared ingress protection

3.24
reaction to fire
response of a CTS/CDS in contributing by its own decomposition to a fire, to which it is exposed, under specified conditions

3.25
fire resistance
ability of a CTS/CDS to fulfil for a stated period of time the required stability and/or integrity and/or thermal insulation, and/or other expected duty specified in a standard fire resistance test

Note 1 to entry: Fire resistant (adjective) refers only to this ability.

3.26
skirting CTS/CDS
CTS/CDS intended to be installed on the lower part of a wall

3.27
dry-treatment of floor
process for cleaning and/or care by which the floor is treated without liquids or with only a small quantity of liquid

Note 1 to entry: The required agents are applied and spread in such quantities that no pools are formed and soaking of the floor covering does not occur.

EXAMPLE 1: Examples for dry treatment are: Sweeping with a broom or carpet-sweeper, vacuum cleaning, brushing, cleaning with a dry cleaning powder, dry shampoo treatment, wet shampooing of carpets, treatment with cleaning litter (liquid chemical cleaning agent on a solid material used as carrier, e.g. soaked sawdust, damp cloth, etc.)

3.28
wet-treatment of floor
process for cleaning and/or care by which the floor is treated with liquid agents such that pools of liquid, or soaking of the floor covering for a brief period of time, cannot be excluded

EXAMPLE 1: Examples of wet treatment are: wet scrubbing, manual or mechanical wiping.

3.29
screen
conductive screen
conductive part that encloses or separates electric circuits and/or conductors

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-02-38]

3.30
protective screen
electrically protective screen
conductive screen used to separate an electric circuit and/or conductors from hazardous-live-parts

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-06-17]

3.31
protective screening
electrically protective screening
separation of electric circuits or conductors from hazardous-live-parts by an electrically protective screen connected to the protective-equipotential-bonding system and intended to provide protection against electric shock

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-06-18]

3.32
protective separation
electrically protective separation
separation of one electric circuit from another by means of:

- double insulation; or
- basic insulation and electrically protective screening; or
- reinforced insulation

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-195:1998, 195-06-19]

3.33
partition
partition of an assembly
part of an assembly separating one compartment from other compartments

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-13-06]

3.34
internal protective partition
partition which when used in combination with basic insulation provides electrically protective separation between compartments of the CTS/CDS

3.35
type test
test of one or more devices made to a certain design to show that the design meets certain specifications

3.36
routine test
test to which each individual device is subjected during and/or after manufacture to ascertain whether it complies with certain criteria

4 General requirements

CTS/CDS shall be so designed and constructed that where required they provide reliable mechanical protection to the insulated conductors, cables and possibly other electrical equipment contained therein. Where required, the system shall also provide adequate electrical protection.

Furthermore, the system components shall withstand the stresses likely to occur under classified minimum temperature for storage and transport, installation and application (see Tables 1 and 2) and maximum temperature for application (see Table 3) and during recommended installation practice and usage.

Equipment associated with or incorporated in a system component but which is not a system component, shall and need only comply with the relevant standard of this equipment, if any. However, it may be necessary to include such equipment in a test arrangement for the purpose of testing its interface with the CTS/CDS.

Compliance is checked by carrying out all the tests specified.

5 General conditions for tests

5.1 ~~Tests according to this document are called type tests.~~ Unless otherwise specified in a particular clause in this document, tests according to this IEC 61084 series are type tests.

5.2 Samples of system components are, hereafter, called samples.

5.3 Unless otherwise specified, tests are carried out, considering the declared classification and functions of the system, with the CTS/CDS assembled and installed as in normal use according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Tests on non-metallic system components or composite system components shall not commence earlier than 168 h after manufacture. During this period, the samples may be aged according to 10.3.1.1 when required.

5.4 Unless otherwise specified, the tests are carried out at an ambient temperature of 20 °C ± 5 °C.

5.5 Samples of trunking lengths or ducting lengths for a given test are taken from different trunking lengths or ducting lengths.

5.6 Unless otherwise specified, all tests are carried out on new samples.

5.7 When toxic or hazardous processes are used, precautions shall be taken to safeguard the test personnel.